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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-2 and 25-57 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 3-24 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 25-53 and 55-57 have been allowed.

Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 54 has been appropriately amended.

Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Applicants admitted prior art and Yi (U.S. patent no. 5,907,582). Claim 54 has been amended to include features of allowed claims 1 and 51, namely:

... first multiple puncturing pattern generation means for generating a plural form of puncturing patterns, having an identical rate, but having respectively different puncturing block patterns, said first multiple puncturing pattern generation means providing a reference matrix from which said puncturing patterns are generated ...

Thus, claim 54 is allowable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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